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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 13 March 2002, made Final, in the above-identified CPA, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that all of the 18 claims be allowed for the reasons explained herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

All of the claims presently in the case are set forth here for convenience of reference and consideration.

1. Method for the transmission of user messages using a message service to the mobile station of a recipient, who has a primary mobile station capable of receiving at least voice calls and user messages, and at least one secondary mobile station, capable of receiving at least user messages, comprising the step of directing user messages addressed to the primary mobile station to any of the secondary mobile stations of the recipient, irrespective of whether the primary mobile station is in use.

2. Method according to Claim 1, wherein a secondary mobile station of the recipient is activated as the receiver of user messages to be transmitted to the primary mobile station so that user messages addressed to the primary mobile station are directed to the activated secondary mobile station.

3. Method according to Claim 1, wherein the user messages are